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REMARKS

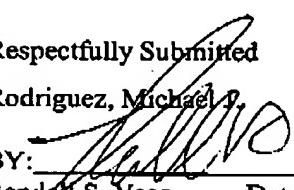
In the Office Action mailed August 3, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 3 and 8 under 35 USC Section 112, 2nd paragraph. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Sindhushayanna (US6,594,318).

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sindhushayanna in view of Ling. Claims 1 allowed. Claims 3 and 8 have been amended to delete "the". Claims 5 and 7 have been cancelled to expedite allowance, but Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation application. Claim 8 is rewritten in independent form, and claim 6 now depends from claim 8. Reconsideration of the claims as presented herein is respectfully

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

Respectfully Submitted

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